

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified application:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Still another embodiment herein is directed to increasing NO bioactivity for pharmacological effect or in the case of diseases associated with a deficiency of NO. This embodiment is directed to a method of treating a patient in need of increased nitric oxide bioactivity, said method comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of inhibitor of glutathione-dependent formaldehyde dehydrogenase.--

